

“Get Alarmed, North Carolina!”
Request for Applications Questions

Can we apply for this grant if the County is also applying?

Yes, but the stronger application will be the county-wide application.

We are trying to determine the number of smoke alarms to apply for. Would you give us some guidance?

Most every home will need at least 4 smoke alarms. We will require one smoke alarm in every bedroom as well as one outside the sleeping area. Each level of the home will need at least 1 smoke alarm. As an example, if you are working with a 2 story, 3 bedroom home with a functional basement, that home will need 6 smoke alarms. Another consideration is not every home will need carbon monoxide detectors. Only those homes that use a combustible fuel to heat the home, cook food, heat water, dry clothes or that have an attached garage will need a carbon monoxide detector. There should be a carbon monoxide detector on every level of the home for those who need it. You will need to consider the percent of homes among the target population with these factors. Check with your Chamber of Commerce or building inspectors to see if they can tell you the percent of homes with basements, multi-level homes and homes with attached garages. Also think in terms of who will be installing most of the alarms. If they are volunteers, they will be able to install significantly less than paid fire fighters simply because of the time they may have available to do the installations.

We are a non-profit department. We do not have a 501 C3 but we do have a 501 C4, will that make a difference?

Yes, a 501 C3 is required for all non-profit applicants.